



Cobb County Comprehensive Transportation Plan City of Smyrna Public Meeting #1

City of Smyrna

Meeting Date: April 20, 2006
Meeting Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Smyrna City Hall
2800 King Street
Smyrna, GA
Attendance: ≈ 26 citizens

Agenda

Opening, Meeting Purpose and Introductions

Study Scope, Process and Schedule

Citizen Participation Program

Citizens Participate

Closing

Meeting Summary

Participants were asked to sign in upon arrival and provided with project materials including a fact sheet, public meeting schedule, comment sheet, project business card and a meeting agenda. Area maps were on display for participants to review. Wade Lnenicka, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Smyrna, called the meeting to order, recognized other elected officials, welcomed the participants, and gave a brief overview of the project. The meeting was turned over to project consultant Steve Cote, DWA, who introduced the project team and made a power point presentation of the study scope, process and schedule. Marian Clements discussed the citizen participation program. The presentation is a part of the record copy of these meeting notes and can be found on the Project website at: www.cobbdot.org/ctp

Citizens were asked to provide feedback on the following topics:

- Describe your City and Cobb County, as you would like them to be 25 years from now. Include a description of your dream transportation system.
- What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?
- What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?
- Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?

The responses are recorded below.

Participants were encouraged to spread the word about the study within their community, City and the County. They were also invited to visit the project website, located on the City and County websites, for updates to the study. The meeting was adjourned.



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- Light rail system
- Safe public transportation systems (from terrorism)

What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?

- Congestion
- Atlanta Road/I-285 intersection
- Truck traffic
- School buses at peak hours
- Gasoline prices
- One fare – no transfer to CCT to MARTA
- Drivers taking children to school rather than buses
- Cobb Parkway and I-285 to I-75
- Illegal left turns
- East-West Connector and South Cobb Drive traffic signal
- Concord and South Cobb need turn arrows
- Cooper Lake & Atlanta Road no left turn arrow
- Better traffic light synchronization
- Cross Chattahoochee at Atlanta Road
- Railroad crossing at Old Vinings
- Atlanta Road opposite Waffle House (Kanga Zoom Child Care Center) is a safety problem – serious accident waiting to happen!
- Noise wall I-285 (West Paces to Atlanta Road)

What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?

- Retail establishments (signs, flyers)
- Public schools
- Need better message on project phone line about topic of meeting
- Place meeting on Cobb County event calendar
- Flyers in grocery stores
- Festivals –Jonquil
- Direct bulk mail
- Email – group mail
- Radio
- Newspaper advertisements and articles
- Homeowner Associations
- Make it possible for visitors to websites to register
- Water bill inserts
- Libraries
- School newsletters

Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?

- None

Other Matters:

- Request to post status of SPLOST on County website (include description of project and matrix of status)



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Partners In Progress

- Representatives from Cobb DOT answered several questions regarding specific road/intersection improvements